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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 122

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

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March 17, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 122—Relative to Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 122, as amended, Beth Gaines. Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2014 as Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Since 1987, when Congress authorized the
2 establishment of a national registry of volunteer bone marrow
3 donors, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), now
4 publicly known as Be The Match, has facilitated more than 61,000
5 marrow and umbilical cord blood transplants; and

6 WHEREAS, Be The Match states that the number of transplants
7 facilitated through the national Be The Match Registry is “only a
8 fraction of the people who can benefit”; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the leading hurdles cited in a report by the
10 Government Accountability Office is locating a suitably matched,
11 unrelated donor, a process that is often difficult, time-consuming,
12 and costly; and

13 WHEREAS, The most prevalent problem with respect to bone
14 marrow donation is the need for racially and ethnically diverse
15 donors because of complex tissue types. Of the more than 11
16 million potential donors on the United States’ Be The Match
17 Registry, 41 percent are donors from racially and ethnically diverse
18 backgrounds; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a need to enhance the understanding of
20 the importance of bone marrow donation, and to encourage
21 Californians to participate in bone marrow donation drives; and

22 WHEREAS, Be The Match operates the world’s largest and
23 most diverse registry of potential bone marrow donors; and

24 WHEREAS, There is a need to support programs that reduce
25 search time for patients and fully type donors whose tissue
26 compatibility types are less common; and

27 WHEREAS, The bone marrow registration process is simple.
28 It only takes a few minutes and requires a cheek swab; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates May 2014 as
32 Bone Marrow Donation Awareness Month; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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